

REMARKS

Claims 8-11 and 13-31 remain in this application, while claims 1-7 and 12 are now canceled. Reconsideration of this application is requested.

The title is amended above and now reads as the Examiner suggests.

The informalities in the abstract discussed on page 2 of the Office Action are eliminated by the amendments to the abstract referred to above.

Independent claims 8 and 24 are rejected, along with all claims depending thereon, as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,786,545 to Bargheer et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,186,592 to Orizaris et al. Reconsideration is requested.

Currently amended claim 8 defines the vehicle seat as including a control device by which (a) an airstream is adjusted in a particularly specified manner to an assigned basic value, starting from which further adjustment of the airstream is carried out as a function of the velocity of the motor vehicle, and (b) the assigned basic value is changed depending on a sensed external temperature. It is respectfully submitted that features defined by these limitations serve to patentably distinguish the invention from the patent disclosures relied on by the Examiner. In the Bargheer et al. configuration, a regulating device 24 controls the blower 38 and/or the heating element 40 in accordance with driving speed or outside temperature. As the Examiner acknowledges on page 4 of the Office Action, however, nothing in the disclosure provided by the Bargheer et al. patent suggests adjusting an airstream to an assigned basic value as recited in claim 8. In the Orizaris et al. arrangement, moreover, while a control unit 25 regulates a cushion-surface temperature to a setpoint determined by an adjuster 27 and at a

power stage determined by the cushion-surface temperature as detected by a sensor 26, nothing in either the portions of the Orizaris et al. patent mentioned by the Examiner on page 4 of the Office Action or in any other section of that patent suggests changing an assigned basic value as specified depending on a sensed external temperature as claim 8 particularly defines. It follows, therefore, that the Bargheer et al. and Orizaris et al. patent disclosures, taken as a whole, fail to suggest the invention as presently defined by claim 8.

Currently amended claim 24 refers to "one of a plurality of basic airstream parameters" rather than to the "assigned basic value" of claim 8 but, otherwise, includes limitations which are in all significant aspects similar to those in claim 8 discussed above. The Bargheer et al. and Orizaris et al. patent disclosures, taken as a whole, also fail to suggest the subject matter of claim 24 for reasons apparent from the preceding discussion.

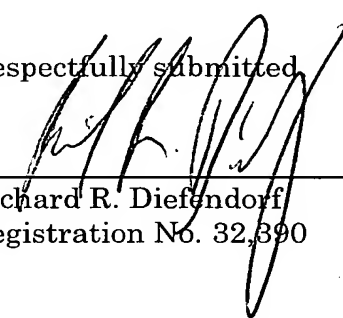
It is respectfully submitted that independent claim 8 and independent claim 24 as they appear above are patentable for the reasons discussed. The rest of the claims remaining in this application are dependent claims and are patentable as well.

This application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.55687US).

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